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U.S. Department of Agriculture Library.

Newsletter

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January 25, 1929.

An additional messenger, Herbert Bryan, has been appointed in the Department Library.

A letter from Miss Pidgeon, who is in the Cleanliness Institute in N. Y. sent her cordial greetings and best wishes to former associates in Washington.

Notice has just been seen in the newspaper of the death of W. W. Sniffin. We presume that this is the Mr. Sniffin who was formerly librarian of the Bureau of Public Roads, and will be remembered by the older members of the staff.

The class "1.9", being the mimeographed publications of the Department, is bursting out of its cases at the foot of the basement stairs, and the last part of it has been moved along into a sectional book case over in the far corner of the room near class 250.

Dr. H. W. Alberts, Director of the Alaska Experiment Station at Sitka, has been here lately, and had a talk with Miss Barnett about the library up there. They cannot have a librarian all the time, but he wishes that the library might have a visit every few years from some one who would set it in order and leave it in good condition for them to run between times. He thinks they will have funds next fiscal year to pay the travelling expenses and salary of some one to do this. If any of you feel interested, please speak to Miss Barnett about it. Miss Knepper (now Mrs. Weniger) who was in the library some years ago, went up there once to do this work and enjoyed the experience.

Speaking of advertising, the Library has not the publicity instinct very strongly developed, but as a step towards reform will insert here a letter written to the Secretary by Mr. G. P. Van Eseltine of the N. Y. State Agricultural Experiment Station. We may say that Miss Atwood did a good deal of the ministering to Mr. Van Eseltine. *This is the letter:*

"Having just returned from two weeks work in Washington, largely at the Department of Agriculture Library, I wish to express my gratitude to the Library Staff for their prompt efficient aid and kindly helpfulness. Time is necessarily a very important item during the short periods that an outside

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worker can spend in visiting another institution and I know of no other library where so much work can be accomplished at the expense of so few hours. This is not only because of the nearly unrivalled collection of the Library, but also because of the hearty cooperation of the librarians and their assistants."

Dr. Lydia K. Rabinovitch, of the School of Mines, Golden, Col., who has done work with parasites, was a visitor at the library the other day.

Many of you probably read in the newspapers about the bad storms on the ocean recently and about the giant wave which struck the steamer Majestic, flooding the hold where the mail was carried. You will be sorry to hear that the Library was also one of the sufferers as two rather large shipments of books, one from London and one from Paris, were badly damaged by water. Several of the books will have to be replaced. A number of current foreign periodicals were also damaged.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Miss Lacy attended the midwinter meeting of the A.L.A. at Chicago, December 27th to 29th. She also attended some sessions of the American Farm Economic Association which was meeting in Chicago at the same time.

Several members of the staff attended the meetings and dinner of the Columbian Library Association last Saturday.

The staff luncheon was recently addressed by Mr. Estabrook Director of the World Census of Agriculture. He spoke of his experiences in travelling to practically every country of the world in the last three years, in connection with the plans for the census.

This week the Outlook Report for 1929 is being prepared in the Bureau. Representatives of the agricultural extension services of 45 states and Hawaii are assisting in its preparation.

A bibliography on the meat industry has recently been mimeographed and is now available for distribution. A type-written list of references on Exchanges has also been prepared.

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Bureau of Public Roads.

The Library staff has been working quite strenuously on Bibliographies. Perhaps it will be remembered that just about a year ago, the staff was literally working day and night to complete a list of references on Highway Safety for the Highway Research Board. Since that time, copies have been mimeographed and made ready for distribution. There is a possibility that this will be further supplemented with references as to January 1, 1929.

A bibliography on Toll Bridges and a selected list of books and periodicals on road construction have also been mimeographed, while one on Highway Finance and another on Highway Maintenance are in process, and will be ready shortly.

The library is beginning to receive a number of foreign visitors. At the present time Mr. Golda, a highway engineer from Poland, who is making a study of highway organization and construction in this country, is using the Library as headquarters and familiarizing himself with our highway literature.

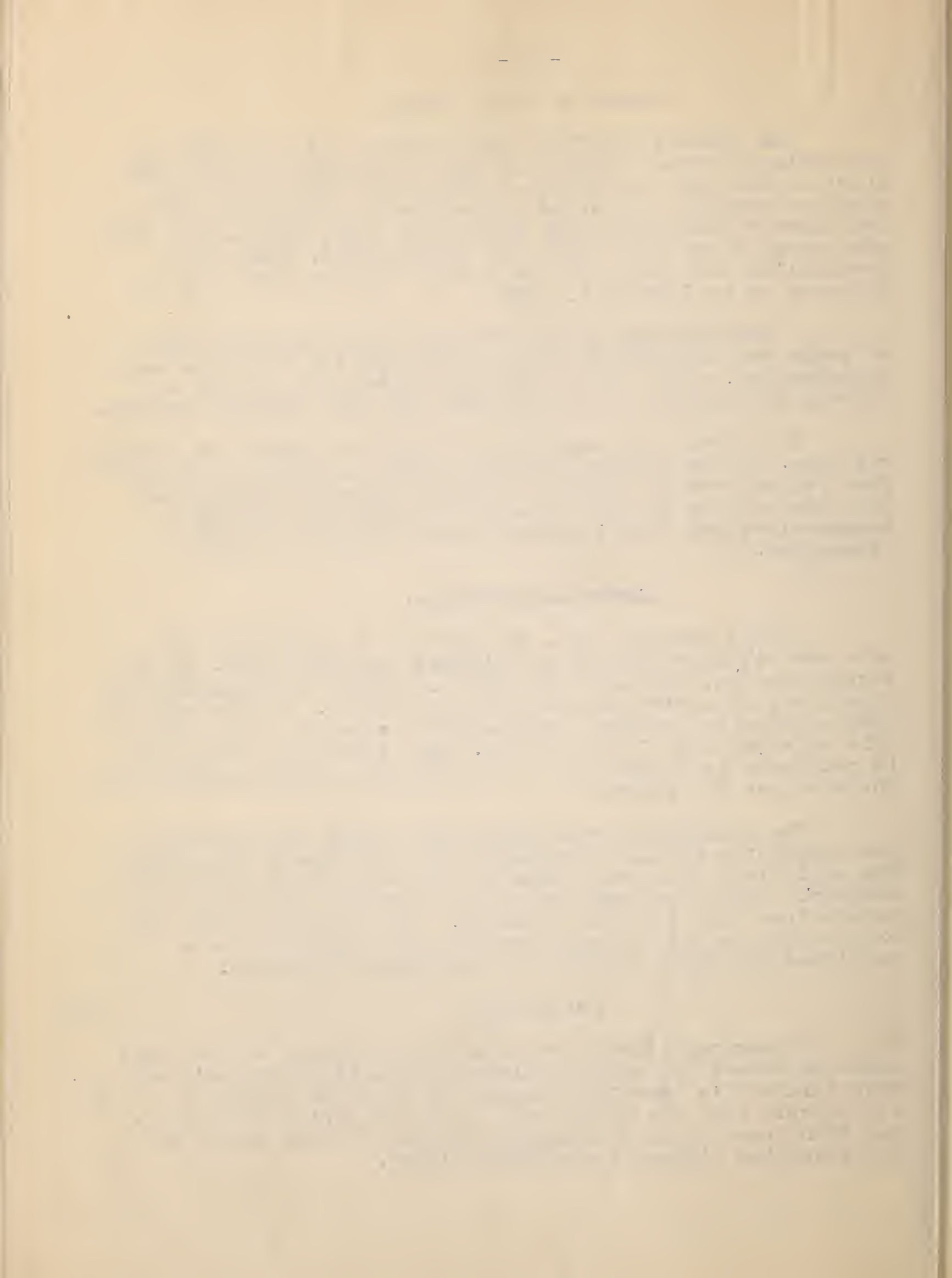
~~Library Staff Notes.~~

At the present time, the Library is beginning work on a new bibliography for the Highway Research Board. At its recent meeting, the Board decided to conduct an investigation of methods of curing concrete pavement slabs. Before deciding upon a definite program, a correlation survey of all available existing data is to be made. Our library has been asked to cooperate by furnishing a bibliography covering information for the past ten years.

The planning of new shelves for books and new cases for pamphlet material is underway for the Library has gained the equivalent of a small room in the rear of the space now occupied, which has been previously used for storage of blue prints from the Division of Design. This addition while not exhaustive, is very welcome, as material continues to be published without reference to overcrowded libraries.

Entomology.

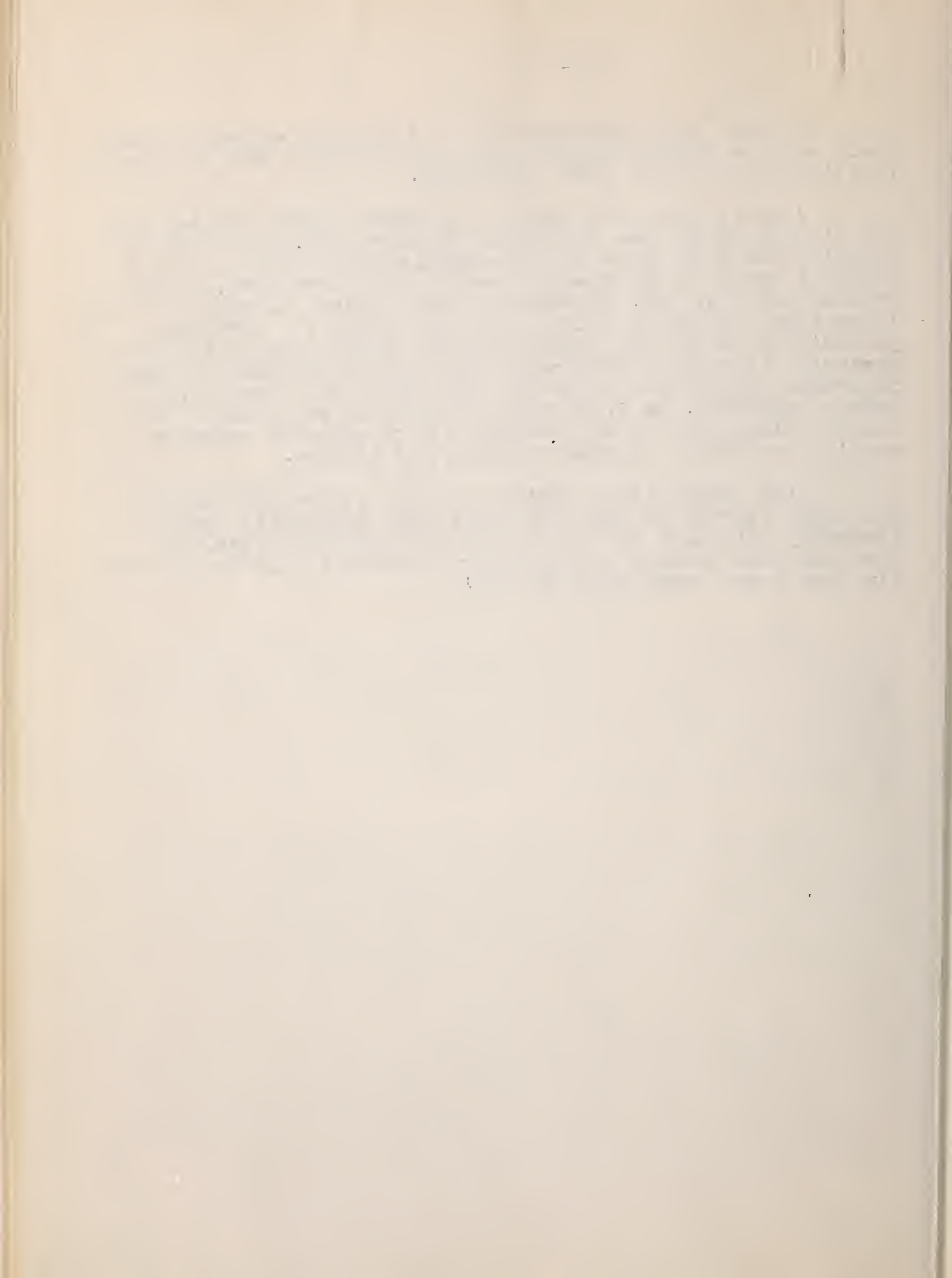
Entomology Library rejoices in a reunited staff. Right after Christmas bad colds interfered with Miss Colcord's and Miss Carabelli's New Year plans, and early in January a severe cold kept Miss Hawes away from the office for a week. The 19th found us all recovered and 100 per cent strong at the Colombian Library Association dinner.



We have been unusually busy this month, as many of our field men are in Washington, bent on making the most of library facilities while they have the chance.

January 24th Miss Barnett and Miss Colcord visited the Bee library at the Bee Station at Somersot, Md. The library occupies the wall space of one medium sized room and part of the hall space on the second floor of the laboratory, and is growing rapidly. Mr. Hambleton, apiculturist, in charge of the laboratory, thinks it not as large in number of books and periodicals as the bee collections at Cornell and at the Miller Memorial library in Wisconsin, but that it contains the most important apicultural works and that it is in a much more usable condition. He is anxious to build it up as one of the finest collections in the country and to make its contents readily available through catalogue and indexes.

Miss Carabelli is taking a course in fine bookbinding and hopes shortly to show the staff work which will compare favorably with that of the Government Printing Office, and that has gone through all necessary processes much more speedily than books bound by Uncle Sam.



U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

Newsletter

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February, 1929.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Miss Esther Colvin was transferred to this library from the library of the Bureau of Plant Industry on February 1st. She is at present helping Miss Jacobs with the cataloguing.

Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 1 entitled "Agricultural Economics - A Selected List of References", has just been revised for the second time since it was first issued.

Among recent visitors to the library was Mr. Tanaka, Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture of Japan, who brought a letter of introduction from Mr. Tanahashi of the College of Agriculture, University of Kyoto.

The Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates is conducting its third annual statistical conference and course of instruction, often referred to as the "Crop Estimates School". The sixteen states represented are: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Utah, California. The representative from Utah is our old friend, Mr. Frank Andrews, under whose direction the library of the Bureau of Crop Estimates was developed. Books for the school have been ordered through the Bureau library, one order - that for Fisher's Statistical Methods for Research Workers - necessitating the sending of a cablegram in order to get the books here in time for the school.

The index to Agricultural Economics Literature, vol. 2, 1928, is now being typed and will soon be ready for distribution.

The library recently received a hurried call from the Office of the Undersecretary of the Treasury for a bibliography on the financing of the cattle industry. They were pleased with our bibliography on livestock financing and asked that it be brought up to date. Miss Jacobs made up a supplementary list which was put in the mail the same afternoon.

Miss Lacy has received an interesting letter from Miss Ogden, formerly librarian of the States Relations Service, telling of some account books she had discovered giving accounts for a farm and mill near Knoxville, Tennessee, from 1865 to 1908. Dr. Stine is planning to try to get these books for the Department.

The library staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics has noted with great interest and pleasure the honor conferred upon Miss C. R. Barnett by the American Library Institute in electing her a member of that body.

We feel that this well-deserved recognition of Miss Barnett's work should be a cause of gratification to the entire library staff of the Department.

Bureau of Chemistry Library

Mrs. Margaret Ross Gill, who has been in this Library since August, 1927, has resigned, effective February 28, 1929.

Bureau of Plant Industry Library

This library was very sorry to lose Miss Esther M. Colvin who was transferred to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library on February 1st. Miss Ruth D. Forbes, who has been doing indexing and translating in the Office of Mycology of this bureau, has been appointed as assistant to Miss Atwood in Miss Colvin's place.

Bureau of Public Roads Library

Nothing very new and startling has happened during the past month. The bibliography on the Curing of Concrete is well on its way toward completion, having been this very morning turned in for mimeographing.

The requests coming into the library are many and varied, such as convict labor, hydraulic fills, grade crossings as well as subjects dealing entirely with roads. Just at present we have a special writer gathering material for an article on historic ferried^s, and last week we had a Spaniard who could scarcely speak English. Just at present the number of vehicular tunnels anywhere in the world of a mile or more in length from portal to portal is absorbing the time and interest of one member of our staff, and yesterday another spent quite a bit of time looking for the number and value of hydraulic rams in this country. And so it goes.

Prepared by Esther M. Colvin.

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Vol. 19⁷, no. 3.

Newsletter

March 29, 1929.

Vacations have started already. Miss Wilkins left Wednesday for Charleston, S. C., to be gone until April 8th.

Miss Leila Forbes, a graduate of Pratt and formerly librarian of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, joined our staff on March 25.

Mrs. Page Secrest, who has been in the Pack Memorial Public Library at Asheville, N. C., was appointed Under Library Assistant March 16th. She is now doing the typing in the catalogue room.

Miss Marjorie Trotter, who is taking the one-year course for college graduates at Simmons College, is with us for two weeks' practice work.

The Maryland, Virginia, and D. C. regional group of cataloguers, classifiers and bibliographers will meet at the library of the Bureau of Railway Economics, Room 1002, Transportation Building, 17th and H Streets, on Tuesday, April 2, 1929, at 8 p. m. Mr. Johnston will speak on cooperative cataloguing, Mr. Martel on recataloguing the Vatican Library, and Mr. Lindsay on the Bureau of Railway Economics Library.

The loan desk has a new case of drawers for the charges, costing \$100. This will give them 77 drawers for the charges - quite a contrast to the 6 drawers which were all that were needed in the beginning.

As part of its course, the George Washington University advanced library class is making visits to the various libraries in the city, and on March 7 and 14 they made two-hour visits to our Library - from seven to nine o'clock. This is the second year that they have done this. The class numbers about 21. On the first evening talks were given by Miss Barnett and one or two other members of the Department Library staff, and by the librarians of the Office of Experiment Stations, Entomology, and Bureau of Plant Industry, and the class was then shown around the library. On the second evening there were talks by the librarians of Chemistry, Home Economics, and Roads, and the class then ascended to the third story, where the rest of the time was devoted to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics library.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library

Mrs. Diana Powers Rossi of the Documents Division of the New York Public Library, was a recent visitor. She is a member of the Finance Committee of the Special Libraries Association and is working with Miss Barnett on the compilation of a list of the mimeographed publications of the Government which are of use to financial libraries. This library has been cooperating in the work. Mrs. Rossi is the compiler of a useful handbook entitled "International Finance Source Book".

Prepared by R. A. Davis.

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Miss Hitz, of the Catalogue Division, has been temporarily transferred to the Bee Culture Office of the Bureau of Entomology to work on a list of the bee literature in the Library. Most of the books on bees are kept at the Bee Station at Bethesda as a special collection, and it is thought that a list of it will be very useful.

On April 11, the Library was visited by the library class of Hampton Institute, consisting of eight or nine young people (there was one man), all colored. The Director of the School is Miss Florence Curtis.

Two men from the University of Virginia, Dr. Small and Prof. Lutz, come here at intervals in connection with work they are doing on narcotics for the National Research Council. One of these visits has just ended. Another Virginia visitor is Miss Kathleen Bruse of William and Mary College, who is working on the history of agriculture of Virginia.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Agricultural Economics Bibliography No. 26, Labor Requirements of Farm Products in the United States, compiled by Louise O. Bercaw, is being mimeographed. Typewritten lists recently prepared include a list of the available publications of this Bureau on the Cost of Marketing; Experiment Station bulletins on Farm Management and Organization in the Corn Belt States; Danish Agriculture; and a list of State Agricultural Outlook reports.

The library has had two foreign visitors recently: Mr. Lee from Korea, now a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, and Mr. Wantrup from Germany.

We are glad to have Miss Herb back at her desk after three weeks' absence on account of the whooping cough.

George Bartlett, who has been our messenger for three years, is being transferred to the mimeograph section of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates.

Bureau of Entomology

The library of the Bureau of Entomology is rejoicing in a fresh coat of paint, ceiling, walls and floors. We have been out of our rooms enjoying the hospitality of another office for nearly a week but expect to return to our own domain next Monday.

In the midst of the turmoil we have been helping with the final editing of the Check List of Publications on Entomology, issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture through 1927, with Subject Index. This is now being mimeographed and we hope will soon appear as Bibliographical Contribution No. 21 of the Department Library.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry must be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data. The second part of the document outlines the procedures for handling discrepancies. It states that any difference between the recorded amount and the actual amount must be investigated immediately. The third part of the document provides a detailed explanation of the accounting system used. It describes how the system tracks income, expenses, and assets. The fourth part of the document discusses the role of the accounting department in the overall business operations. It highlights the department's responsibility for providing accurate financial information to management and stakeholders. The fifth part of the document concludes with a summary of the key findings and recommendations. It suggests that the current system is effective but could be improved by implementing more robust controls and procedures.

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Office of Experiment Stations Library

In the death of Dr. True the O. E. S. Library has lost a kind and understanding friend. Dr. True died Tuesday night at Sibley Hospital. He came to the Department in 1889 and retired from active service in 1923. Since that time he has been engaged in the writing of three monographs on the history of agricultural education. The first monograph, "A History of Agricultural Extension Work in the United States 1785-1923" was issued as Department Miscellaneous Publication no. 15. The second monograph on the "History of the Agricultural Colleges" is in press, while the last one, "The History of Agricultural Research" is ready to be submitted to the editor. Dr. True during his forty years of service greatly influenced agricultural education and research in the United States.

Bureau of Plant Industry

Miss Atwood spoke last week at the April dinner meeting of the Washington Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma on the Human Side of Library Work.

Miss Shannon of this library will be married on April 29th. The library staff and other friends in the Bureau have been quite occupied with showers and other social affairs in her honor.

Bureau of Public Roads

Another month! And another staff meeting!

Nothing but the usual daily round of books, and magazines and the "Dear Public" which, while of special human interest to the librarians of the Bureau of Public Roads, does not stimulate the outsider in the same way. However, future events are beginning to cast their shadows before them.

Next month will bring two important events to this Library. A.L.A. and Special Libraries meet here this year during the week of May 13. Old friendships will be renewed and there is a greater enthusiasm and stimulation resulting from the active discussion of problems with other librarians with other points of view.

The second event of importance is the organization of an Agricultural Engineering Library in the Division of Agricultural Engineering. This is a thing which has been long considered desirable since the Division is housed separately from the main offices of the Bureau. Miss Forbes will be in charge of this work--of which there will be a plenty. But--you have already made the acquaintance of Miss Forbes. What more need be said!

U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

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24 May 1929.

Of course, the great event of the past month has been the A. L. A. Conference, May 13-18. The two meetings of the Agricultural Libraries Section were held in the Conference Room in this building, and were attended by many of you. At the first meeting the principal paper was by Miss Barnett on the United States Department of Agriculture and Its Relations to Agricultural Libraries. This is mimeographed and if you did not hear it you can read it. A mimeographed description of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Library and the bureau libraries was also distributed at the meeting.

There is doubtless no one here who does not know that a luncheon was served by the library staff to the visitors immediately after the last meeting of the section Wednesday morning, and that it was a great success, despite the fact that the plans of the committee to have it out of doors were frustrated by a thunderstorm which came up just as the tables had been laid. A quick shift of scene was necessary, and the viands (and guests) were hustled into the Department Library Reading Room. It was rather crowded but no one seemed to mind that. The guests included the Assistant Secretary of the Department, the Directors of Scientific and Extension Work, Mr. Keogh of Yale, Mr. J. I. Wyer, Mr. H. W. Wilson, Mr. F. K. Walter and many others, but no so many that the food gave out before it reached the staff. The committee, to whom great credit is due for its hard work, including the last minute dash for cover, consisted of Miss Sherfy (Chairman), Mrs. Nystrom, Miss Hopper, Miss Beckwith, Miss Day, Miss Carabelli, Miss Allen, Miss Florence Thompson. There was a special menu committee (Miss Evans, Miss Feldkamp, and Miss Chapman) who got up a unique bill of fare, with notes about the various articles of food, and a bibliography. These menus were so popular with the guests that none was available for the staff, but Miss Barnett has a "file copy". We should not neglect to mention the very important fact that the food, as stated in detail in the menu, was furnished by the various bureaus and was delicious. It was well, considering the crowded condition of the luncheon place that the smallest of the staff had been chosen as waitresses - Miss Melbourne, Miss Long, Miss Stacy, Miss Dorothy Smith, Miss Williford, and Mrs. Smallwood.

Miss Charlotte Trolinger returned to her desk in the Library on the first of May, after a four months' stay in Florida on account of the health of her mother. We are very glad to have her with us again.

Miss Leila Forbes, who was appointed this spring to take charge of the library work of the Division of Agricultural Engineering, Bureau of Public Roads (a new position) and who has been working for some time in the Department Library, has now gone to Roads, and is missed in the Catalogue Division.

After being told in the winter that there would be no money available for binding until July 1st, we received notice a few weeks ago that we might send some books, and a waiting requisition was joyfully despatched. Yesterday came another message that we could send a thousand dollars worth. The Bindery Division is scurrying to collect the material for this. There is plenty of it, but not so much time available for preparation.

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Miss Barnett's and Miss Smith's offices received a new coat of paint and the former a new rug in time for the A. L. A. visitors.

Dr. Kathleen Bruce of William and Mary College has been working in the Library for some weeks, going over the old souther agricultural journals for material on the agricultural history of Virginia.

You are all reminded of the D. C. Library Association meeting Tuesday evening at the Library of Congress.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Among foreign visitors recently were Mr. Lee of Korea, who was introduced by Prof. Hibbard of the University of Wisconsin; Prof. Margolin of Moscow; Dr. Brandt of the Institute of Agriculture in Berlin; and Dr. Schneider of the University of Bonn.

The press release regarding the Oberly Memorial Prize award has brought many requests for Mrs. Hannay's bibliography on Control of Production of Agricultural Products by Governments. Letters have also been received from three former chiefs of this Bureau congratulating the Bureau and Mrs. Hannay on the award.

Miss Bercaw's bibliography on Labor Requirements of Farm Products in the United States is now available for distribution.

In response to a request from the Swedish Legation a list has been prepared of publications of this Department relating to distribution of farm ownership and tenancy, income and profits, wages, price quotations, storage, standardization, cooperation, credit and relief legislation, etc. We have also a request from Prof. Tchayanov of Moscow asking for literature showing the work done in this country to increase crop yields, and one from a California man on his way to the Mediterranean countries, asking for information on the culture and economics of almonds, cherries, figs, and olives.

The Library is making a card index for all the current projects of the Bureau for the convenience of the assistant chief in charge of research. The index is kept in his office but is available to the Library at any time. A main or master card is made for each project, containing the name of the division, number, title and objective of project, date of beginning, probable date of final report, and names of leaders and cooperating agencies. In addition to this there is a subject index which enables one to see at a glance what is being done on a given subject at a given time. So far, cards have been made for 91 projects of four divisions. There are approximately 150 cards in the subject file at the present time.

A series of scrapbooks containing editorial comment on the crop estimating, price forecasting, and other work of the Bureau is being compiled by the Library, primarily for the Chief of the Bureau. Editorials from farm journals, newspapers, and other sources are photostated, clipped, or copied and pasted in loose-leaf scrapbooks. Items are arranged alphabetically by the name of the periodical and a subject index, on cards, makes them readily available.

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Nearly every member of the staff attended one or more meetings of the A. L. A. or S. L. A. last week. Four members of the staff served on the information committee.

Miss Lacy's article on Foreign Files in the Library of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics appears in the April, 1929, issue of Special Libraries.

Bureau of Entomology

The "Check List of Publications on Entomology Issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, through 1927, with Subject Index", compiled by the Bureau Library staff, is now being mimeographed. It will contain over 260 pages and we hope will appear in June as Bibliographical Contribution No. 20 of the Department Library.

Miss Hitz of the main Library and Miss Hawes of the Bureau library, are working on a list of the publications on bees to be found in the Department Library. The greater part of the Department's collection on apiculture is filed at the Bee Laboratory, Somerset, Md. Miss Hitz and Miss Hawes have spent several days at the Laboratory checking up troublesome files of bee periodicals, and now Miss Hitz is encamped in the Bureau library working over the cards for bee books, the separates, and reprints, etc.

One other big bibliographic undertaking is now under way in the Bureau library - the Index to the Literature of American Economic Entomology, 4, 1925-1929, inclusive. Work on this index has been going forward intermittently for the last four years but now that the American Association of Economic Entomologists has definitely decided to publish it, two additional assistants are to be assigned to the work immediately, under the direction of the librarian, that we may have it ready for the press early next spring.

Bureau of Public Roads

The library workers in the Bureau report a membership in the American Library Association of 100 per cent.

Mrs. Wilks has returned to Cleveland with one of her library school classmates who motored to Washington for the A. L. A. meetings. In the meanwhile Miss Forbes is substituting for her and familiarizing herself with the resources and methods of the Bureau library before taking up her duties with the Division of Agricultural Engineering.

Miss Evans gave a talk May 14th before the Technical-Commercial Group of the Special Libraries Association on "Current Inter-American Highway Research".

Prepared by Miss Herb, B.A.E.

1. The first of the three main parts of the report is a general survey of the situation in the country at the end of 1954. It deals with the political, economic, and social aspects of the situation.

2. The second part of the report is a detailed study of the political situation in the country. It examines the role of the various political parties and the government in the development of the country.

Political Situation

3. The third part of the report is a study of the economic situation in the country. It examines the role of the various economic sectors and the government in the development of the country.

4. The fourth part of the report is a study of the social situation in the country. It examines the role of the various social groups and the government in the development of the country.

5. The fifth part of the report is a study of the cultural situation in the country. It examines the role of the various cultural groups and the government in the development of the country.

Cultural Situation

6. The sixth part of the report is a study of the educational situation in the country. It examines the role of the various educational institutions and the government in the development of the country.

7. The seventh part of the report is a study of the health situation in the country. It examines the role of the various health institutions and the government in the development of the country.

8. The eighth part of the report is a study of the housing situation in the country. It examines the role of the various housing institutions and the government in the development of the country.

Speakers at Meeting

B. A. E. Miss Lacy - Bib. Soc.
Miss Day - Spec. Libraries Ass'n

Roads. Miss Evans - Special Libraries Ass'n

Entomology. Miss Hawes

O.E.S. Miss Hull - County Libraries

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U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

Newsletter

Vol. 18, no. 6.

20 June 1929.

Miss Bacon of our Bindery Division has set her wedding day for June 29. We are glad to say that Miss Bacon, as Mrs. Muir, will return to her old desk.

Miss Gladys Stacy, who has been with us since last Fall, has resigned and gone to her home in Ohio for her wedding, also on June 29.

Miss Lydia Friedeman, librarian of the Oklahoma Experiment Station, is in the library for two months in order to gain experience and suggestions for her own work. She is at the same time taking the summer course in library work at George Washington University.

Dr. Vittorio Camerani, of the International Institute of Agriculture Library in Rome, who has been in this country for about a year, gaining experience in library methods has just come to our library from the University of Michigan Library School. He will be with us about a month, and then returns to Italy.

Harold Arps, who has been an assistant in the library for some time, has resigned, and his place is taken by Mr. J. R. Brown, who comes from Texas. Mr. Brown is being initiated into the shelving of the books.

William Howe, who has been a messenger in the library, was obliged to resign on account of ill health. John O. Ball has been appointed in his place.

The Serial Desk has a new case to hold the overflow of the continuation list. The two cases are on a stand which permits them to revolve, and both appearance and convenience are improved.

Mrs. Joseph, who formerly verified bibliographies appearing in Department publications for the Office of Information, and who had a desk in the Library, visited the library recently. She is living in Florida, but comes north for the summer.

Miss Barnett and Miss Wilkins entertained the members of the Main Library staff at luncheon on June 1st, at their apartments at 1661 Crescent Place.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

Miss Lacy expects to leave the last of next week for a vacation in the British Isles. She plans to visit the Institute for Research in Agricultural Economics at Oxford, the Agricultural Economics Department of the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth, the library of the University College of North Wales at Bangor, and the London School of Economics.

Mr. Hoon K. Lee, a graduate student of the University of Wisconsin, has received a temporary appointment in the library as translator of the Korean, Chinese, and Japanese languages. He was mentioned in last month's News Notes as one of the foreign visitors to the library.

Recent foreign visitors included Dr. Studensky of Moscow, Russia, and Mr. Yoshinosuke Yagi of the Kyoto Imperial University, Japan.

Mr. Benson V. Landis, editor of Rural America, called to express his appreciation of the work of the Committee on Bibliographical Aid in preparing the lists of rural life literature (now called Things in Print) for Rural America

The index of current research projects, which is being prepared in the library, has been nearly completed for 11 of the 15 Divisions of the Bureau.

No. 27 of the Agricultural Economics Bibliographies has been completed. It is on Agricultural Relief.

A list of foreign and domestic periodicals read each month in the library of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in connection with the preparation of Agricultural Economics Literature, has been prepared for the editor of Social Science Abstracts in response to his request for names of periodicals which should be reviewed in that publication.

The following typewritten lists have recently been prepared:

- Truck farming (5 p.)
- Some suggestions for a study of rural fraternal organizations (4 p.)
- Crop reporting and crop estimating in the United States (6 p.)
- Additional references on the country church (2 p.)
- Commercial canning of fruits and vegetables, 1924-June 1929 (13 p.)
- Almonds. Selected references on the culture of almonds and the economics of the industry. (5 p.)
- Analysis and composition of oranges. (5 p.)

Bureau of Animal Industry

Mrs. Gertrude Barnes Carson, who was connected with the main library before her marriage, has returned to the Department of Agriculture as library assistant in the Zoological Division, Bureau of Animal Industry, under Dr. Hassall. She comes from the Public Library in El Paso, Texas.

My dear Sir,
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Bureau of Entomology

Entomology Library has just acquired two new assistants, Miss Maxwell and Miss DeHart, for work on Index 4 to the literature of American Economic Entomology. In consequence we are much in the state of the Old Women Who Lived in a Shoe, and for a while were hard put to it to find space for our additional force. Another office kindly came to the rescue, however, and desk space has been temporarily provided in the room directly across the hall from the Bureau Library.

Miss Colcord started off May 31st, on the Federal Express, with Mrs. Hoover, for Radcliffe's Fiftieth Anniversary. The celebration proved a most enjoyable occasion in every way. Miss Colcord continued it with a visit to the new Jones library in Amherst and to the library of the Massachusetts Agricultural Experiment Station. The former is unique in library architecture; it is like a beautiful home, with spacious rooms, 17 or 18 of them; large fireplaces, beautiful rugs, pictures and furniture, and only 15000 volumes! Mr. Green, the librarian, showed it off with great pride, even to the very effective stage lighting apparatus in the auditorium and the carrels for study on the top floor. He has kept scrap books of newspaper clippings, photographs, etc. of the new library, and showed copies of letters from the contractors telling the quantities of different materials used in its construction. One interesting item was the bill--\$25.00--for a stone wall in Pelham, N. H., purchased standing and brought to Amherst and broken up there for the walls of the new building.

The Experiment Station library was a great contrast to the Jones library. It is housed in the old chapel, is very crowded, with long, sagging, wooden shelves and old fashioned furniture. It looked rather comfortable and inviting, however. Down the road from it and across on the campus, stands Fernald Hall, one large room in which is the entomological library. It contains sets of entomological periodicals, files of current periodicals and the most used books on economic entomology. This collection, Dr. Fernald said, was supplemented by his own large personal collection housed in his office in the same building and available to the students for consultation.

The library day was ended by a call on Miss Harriet Stanley, head cataloguer at the Forbes Library in Northampton, where the book stalls proved an interesting novelty; and later a call at Smith College Library to see the charming "Browsing Room".

Office of Experiment Stations

Work is progressing on the check lists of the extension publications of the state agricultural colleges. These lists, already prepared through the year 1916, are being brought up to date by Miss Barnes. At the present time the work has been completed through the state of Nebraska.

The 4-H club boys and girls are here for their third national meeting. O. E. S. was requested to assemble a collection of books for

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the use of the leaders. As the books wanted were not in the Department Library it was necessary to borrow them from the Public Library and from the Library of Congress. The Department Library has consented to display them and they are to be found on the shelves in the reference room.

A list of state extension publications on home management has been compiled by Mrs. Webb for Miss Rokahr, extension specialist in home management.

O. E. S. Library is happy to report the acquisition of a new typewriter that has large type and so when labelling is to be done, it will no longer be necessary to borrow one.

Prepared by Galep

U. S. Department of Agriculture Library

Newsletter

Vol. 19, no. 7.

10 October 1929.

Vacations are over, and there must be a great deal of news accumulated from all summer, if we can only think what it is. No one who did not take a sea voyage gets her vacation noted. Miss Gertrude Upton and Miss Hegeman went to Alaska, (at different times) and both enjoyed the trip.

The outstanding item for the Department Library, is the acquisition of a new room - the one at the east end of the basement, giving us now all the basement except the freight room at the back. The space was very badly needed, as any one who looks at and tries to use our shelves, can see. It looked very big and fine at first, but the space is not going to hold out for book shelving as well as we had hoped. What space we have for this purpose is to be given to the commercial papers (286.8 to 286.89) Many of these are newspaper size journals and must lie flat. Additional steel cases have been ordered for them, and also some steel cases for the volumes in these classes that are able to stand up like real books. We were not able to afford anything handsome (like Snead), but hope that the cheap cases now being installed will answer the purpose. Some of the partitions between this room and adjoining ones have been removed to give more air. The storeroom has been furbished up, and serves as an office for Biological Abstracts - Dr. Rand, Mrs. Weld and Mrs. Wildman - besides giving room for some cases for the library, in which the reprint collection is to be placed. The Office of Horticultural Crops and Diseases, in its reorganization, found that it had no room for continued housing of the fine collection of nursery catalogues, of which we are proud. The Library, therefore, had to take these back and they are shelved in the new room, where also Miss Newman and her assistant, Miss Shellhamer, have desks, and their indexes and files. We plan to place in this new room, also, all of the mimeographed publications of the Department (1.9), that are not bound or in long series - putting them in vertical files instead of keeping them on the shelves. Of course the moving of the commercial papers from their present place in the basement will give us a considerable amount of space there for expanding the classes that are left. Some new shelving will be needed there, but has not yet been ordered. The prospect is that a good part of the books in the Library will have to be moved during the next few months.

We are very sorry to report a loss to the Library staff by death. Miss Virginia Key Wharton, who had been in the Library since October 1911, and in the Department for many more years, died on September 19, after an illness of about six weeks. She was buried in Baltimore.

Mr. Koch formerly in charge of the Current Periodical Section of the Periodical Division resigned September 15 to complete his college course at the University of Minnesota. He is also planning to take work in the Library School of the University. Herbert Bryan has also left to go to Colby College.

Published by the American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.
Subscription price, \$5.00 per annum in advance. Single copies, 15 cents.
Entered as Second-Class Matter, June 26, 1911, Post Office at Chicago, Ill., under No. 383,910.
Acceptance for mailing at special rate of postage provided for in Act of October 3, 1917, authorized on July 1, 1918.

The American Medical Association is a non-profit corporation organized for the purpose of promoting the science and art of medicine and the health of the people. It was organized in 1880 and has since that time been engaged in a constant effort to advance the interests of the medical profession and the public. The Association is composed of members from all parts of the United States and from many foreign countries. Its principal activities are the publication of the Journal of the American Medical Association, the holding of annual meetings, and the carrying on of various other projects for the advancement of medicine and the health of the people. The Association is also engaged in a constant effort to improve the medical education of the young men who enter the profession and to raise the standard of medical practice throughout the country. It is the policy of the Association to be non-sectarian and to represent the interests of all members of the medical profession, regardless of their religious or political beliefs. The Association is a member of the National Conference of Medical Societies and is in constant communication with the medical societies of all parts of the United States and with the medical societies of many foreign countries. The Association is also in constant communication with the public through its various publications and through its various other activities. It is the policy of the Association to be non-sectarian and to represent the interests of all members of the medical profession, regardless of their religious or political beliefs. The Association is a member of the National Conference of Medical Societies and is in constant communication with the medical societies of all parts of the United States and with the medical societies of many foreign countries. The Association is also in constant communication with the public through its various publications and through its various other activities.

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James Dugan, 3d Assistant at the Loan Desk, has gone to Public Roads to a clerical position. William Howe, who had been with us earlier in the year, and resigned on account of ill health, is now able to be back with us. During the summer, Mrs. Sullivan was temporarily transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry Library while Miss Sprenkel was on vacation and Miss Chapman to the Bureau of Chemistry Library while Miss Beckwith was on vacation. Mr. James R. Brown was appointed in June, and shelved the books until Mr. Dugan's departure. He is now serving as third assistant at the Loan Desk. Since Mr. Koch left, Miss Forsyth has been in charge of the current entry desk.

Mr. James G. Hodgson, formerly Librarian of the International Institute of Agriculture was a recent visitor to the Library. Mr. Hodgson's term as librarian is completed and he is now temporarily connected with the H. W. Wilson Company. His successor in Rome is Dr. Sigmund von Frauendorfer, who was with us for two months summer before last.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

The summer of 1929 has been a very busy one for the library staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This was probably owing principally to the appointment and organization work of the Federal Farm Board. The Board has no library as yet and has depended for its needs in this line largely upon our library owing to the fact that a large number of the appointees to the Federal Farm Board were taken from the Bureau. The Division of Cooperative Marketing was transferred to the Farm Board by executive order on October 1. This transfer includes personnel, property and appropriations. They have not yet moved but will soon. In addition to this the Board has called upon the Bureau for various reports and surveys which have kept both the research and administrative parts of the Bureau very active indeed. This activity is of course reflected directly in the library. Telegrams and air mail letters are becoming frequent events and not too welcome as it is hard to be constantly called on to drop work in progress to do a rush job.

Bibliographies. Several major bibliographies are nearing completion. Proof has been read on the Economic Aspects of the Strawberry Industry (Agricultural Economics Bibliography no. 28) compiled by Miss Colvin. The Valuation of Real Estate With Special Reference to Farm Real Estate, compiled by Miss Emily L. Day, has been typed and is waiting to be indexed. The Index to the Sources of the State Official Agricultural Statistics of California is progressing. It is planned to issue this index in 5 parts instead of in 1 large volume as at first planned. Part I will consist of fruits, vegetables and nuts (this section has been typed but is not yet ready for mimeographing). Part II will include crops other than fruits, vegetables and nuts. Part III will include livestock and livestock products. Part IV will be a miscellaneous section, including such items as irrigation, farm property, etc. Part V will consist of the index to the sources of the unofficial statistics of the state. This has been compiled and typed by Mrs. Abbott and staff of the Agricultural Reference Library of the University of California. It is not yet ready for mimeographing.

A bibliography on the influence of weather on crops is in progress and may possibly be completed in the not too remote future. It now contains between 600 and 700 references. Weather, as a factor in the composition of climate, which has been defined as "the average condition of meteorological phenomena at a given place", includes precipitation (rain-fall, snow, hail) temperature, light, frost and wind. Articles dealing with the effect of any of these factors on any forms of vegetation have been included in the bibliography. Occasionally a volume or an article that would seem to refer more specifically to climate has been included, as, in most cases, the various weather conditions which comprise climate are discussed separately. References to the influence of temperature, moisture, light, etc. on the germination of seeds have been included, where found, even in the case of laboratory experiments. No attempt has been made to deal exhaustively with the effect of weather conditions on plant diseases, but a few references have been given when found. The subject of the growth of tree rings, studied by Douglass and others, has been omitted as forming a study in itself. But some references to the effect of light on tree growth have been included. Soil temperature and moisture, although directly influenced by weather conditions, have been excluded. Irrigation as a substitute for rainfall has not been considered.

Catalogue. During the summer the catalogue has been checked for all old 280's, which had author card only. These have all been taken out and L. C. cards ordered wherever possible. Most of them are now back in the catalogue fully catalogued, with subjects assigned. These were the books brought up from the Main Library when the AE library was first organized in 1922.

Personnel. Miss Emily L. Day has been transferred from the Library to the Division of Cotton Marketing to organize a library service for that Division. She is preparing a daily cotton news summary for the project leaders of the Division and is acting as contact person between the Division and the Bureau Library. The plans for her work include a bibliographical and reference service on cotton for the Division.

Miss Vajen E. Hitz was transferred from the Department Library on the 1st of August to take up the legislative work formerly done by Miss Day.

Mr. Hoon K. Lee, a Korean, who reads Chinese, Japanese and Korean, held the position of translator in the Bureau Library from June to the middle of August. He then left to do some final work in connection with his Doctor's degree at the University of Wisconsin. We expect to have him back about the middle of October for three months or longer.

Vacations. Vacations were reported as successful by those who had them. The library had a strenuous season however trying to keep the work moving, but forced substitution is sometimes a good thing because it gives unused ability in certain lines a chance to show itself.

Miss Lacy went to England and Wales and visited the Agricultural Economic Research centers of those countries. Miss Olcott went to Bailey's Island, Me.; Miss Coult to New Hampshire; Miss Wright to Sewanee, Tenn.; and others to places equally delightful, all except Miss Crans who unfortunately had to spend hers recovering from an illness.

Bureau of Chemistry and Soils

Miss Roberta Chapman was loaned to Chemistry Library by Miss Barnett for six weeks, August 12 to September 21 in order that the librarian might have a vacation.

The summer has been exceptionally busy. The Eastern District ordered \$2,000 worth of books for the seven stations in the district, the order to be rushed through before July 1st. Many of them were five or six copies of new editions of standard works as Allen's commercial organic analysis and Thorpe's Dictionary of applied chemistry. These all had to be catalogued, accessioned and sent out again.

Bureau of Entomology

Entomology Library has been busy all summer catching up on binding, cataloguing, and filing of Concilium cards, which work had fallen far behind because we devoted so much time last year to two big bibliographical enterprises - the Bee list, and the Check list of publications of the U. S. Department of Agriculture relating to entomology. We hope those interested in the latter have not entirely given up hope of seeing it. It is still in the hands of the Bureau editor, about half the manuscript only as yet having been sent over for mimeographing.

The Bureau Library recently acquired, through purchase by the Main Library, many books, some manuscript note books, and several hundred separates and pamphlets on Diptera and Lepidoptera, belonging to the late Dr. H. G. Dyar of the U. S. National Museum. This is a very valuable collection, in some cases duplicating, but in many more supplementing, material already in the possession of the library. The books and manuscript notes are being catalogued by the Main Library, but the many separates and pamphlets are being catalogued in the Bureau.

Two clerk-typists have been temporarily added to the Library staff and are now devoting their whole time to work on Index 4 to the literature of American Economic Entomology 1925-1929. Selecting the material to be indexed and revising the index slips, in addition to our regular library work keeps us all very busy.

Bureau of Home Economics

It rather seems to us that things have been happening in the Bureau of Home Economics Library but maybe it is just because we and it are so very close together. Some of the excitement we stirred up ourselves such

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NEW YORK: 1889

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as trying to enforce an ancient ruling that periodicals would remain in a desk or at home, only one week and no longer. As you can imagine we are not so very popular just now and the success of this venture into the field of law enforcement is still veiled in the future.

Like Topsy, the Bureau just grows and the addition of eight new workers to the scientific staff of the Bureau adds variety and also volume to the work.

A recent acquisition which may be of interest to some of the other Department libraries is Dr. Langworthy's collection of books, bulletins and pamphlets. Some of these which we would be glad to give away include old bound and unbound O. E. S. Bulletins, chemistry bulletins, farmers bulletins, and department bulletins; almost a complete set of bound year-books and Farmers Bulletins Nos. 1 - 325 bound. If any Library wishes these publications, we would be glad to hear from them.

Some of the thrills which just came to us and we didn't stir up ourselves at all were the visits from several famous women. I guess the first of these would be Miss Ishbel Macdonald, daughter of the British Prime Minister, who spent an hour or so last Tuesday inspecting the work being done by the Bureau. Not very long ago, two of Mrs. Hoover's White House guests, Mrs. Large and her daughter visited us. Among the famous visitors from across the waters was Miss Alice Jeansson, a famous Swedish journalist and home economist who is inspecting the work being done for and by women in this country.

Bureau of Public Roads

For the first meeting of the Library staff, there is very little to report from the Bureau of Public Roads. Miss Evans is just starting on a vacation of a few days, but the remainder of the staff is back on the job. Besides the usual run of questions, that of airport runways - their construction and drainage - is a new subject being discussed by the Bureau. So little has been written on that subject that that little is treasured.

During the last few weeks, there have been more than the usual number of outside visitors. Mr. Krynine from a Russian engineering school came and borrowed some of his own publications; a couple of newspaper men seeking information on highway finance and the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce wanted material on the widening of roads.

In organizing the library of the Division of Agricultural Engineering the principal piece of special work being done just now is the collecting of all the publications of the Division and getting them ready for binding. An author, subject, and series index has been started.

Weather Bureau

For the last year and a half Miss Whitcomb has been classifying climatology. We have lately had the services of Mrs. Chapin in translating and transliterating Russian title pages. Miss Whitcomb is still over in Russia, and is hoping to get back before real cold weather sets in. No, this isn't entirely a joke, for the climatological section of the library is very poorly heated, and unfit to spend time in in winter.

If things go well, Miss Putham will take up the bibliography of periodicities again about the New Year, with a view to getting it ready for publication late in the Spring.

The airplane weather stations are multiplying apace, and this means ordering and sending a great number of books to the newly-formed stations.

We have lately had to purchase a new accession book, beginning with 50,000, as we shall need it within a very short time.

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Newsletter

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21 November 1929.

An interesting document recently circulated among the Library staff announces the marriage of Miss Dorothy M. Smith to Mr. Willis Egger. Mrs. Egger is leaving the library this week and will live in Cudahy, Wisconsin, a suburb of Milwaukee.

Miss Wanita Gardner has been recently appointed to the Department Library as a stenographer to relieve Miss Huddle of the work with letters, both writing and filing, and of the work with foreign mailing lists. For the present Miss Benton will take Miss Dorothy Smith's place at the Loan Desk, and Miss Huddle will take Miss Benton's place at the serial desk.

Justin Winkle is now working at the Current Entry desk. William Howe is to some extent taking his place in the Reference Room, but also still marks the books for the Catalogue Division.

Maynard Simmons has been appointed as a temporary messenger, with special view to the shifting of the books into the new space at our disposal.

Miss Dorothy Manks, Librarian of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, spent several days with us last week, in getting suggestions for her work in the Library, especially from Miss Barnett, Miss Atwood and Miss Warner.

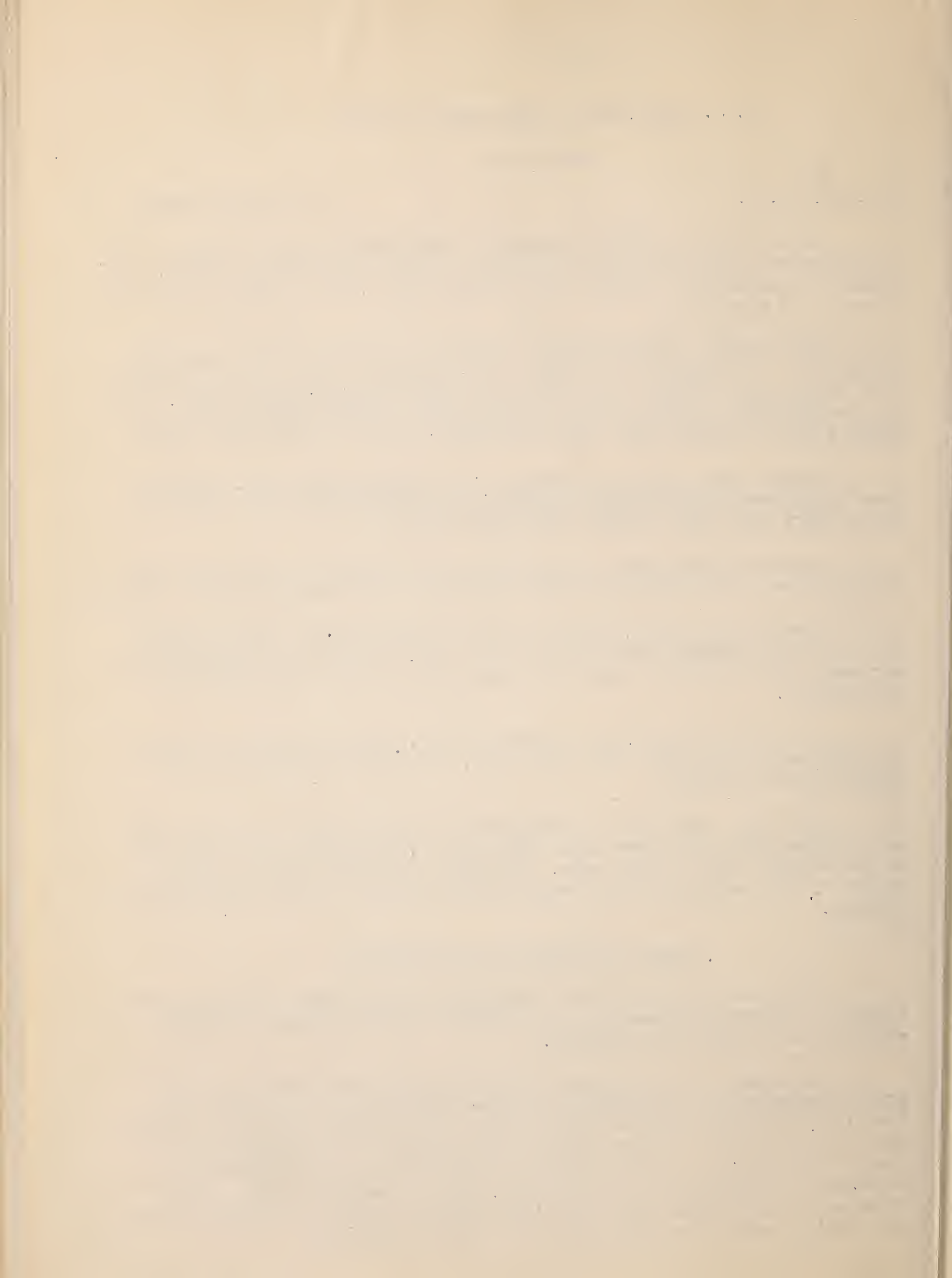
A recent visitor to the Library was Mr. Hamlin Garland, in search of pictures of farm life fifty years ago, to help in illustrating his "Main Travelled Roads."

The Annual Conference of Eastern College Librarians is to be held at Columbia University, New York, Saturday, November 30. The program is on the display case in this room. We also have posted there a notice in regard to fellowships in the Graduate Library School at the University of Chicago.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has been busy rounding up the books and periodicals charged to the Division of Cooperative Marketing, which is now in the act of moving.

The Library is expecting to have its work with foreign material greatly enlarged by the creation of a new Foreign Division in the Bureau. The bill authorizing the new division has not actually been passed, but it has the approval of the Farm Board, and preparations are being made to install the division in the quarters formerly occupied by the Division of Cooperative Marketing on the 8th floor, and to transfer a part of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research, which has formerly done the foreign work of the Department, to this new division.



In this connection the Library has taken advantage of the fact that they have obtained the services of Mr. Hoon K. Lee, a translator of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean, to exhibit a bulletin board which we understand is attracting considerable attention, including that of the messenger boys and the milk man. This has at the top of the board a heading prepared by Mr. Lee, showing examples of the Korean alphabet, Japanese syllabary and Chinese character, with a publication in each of the three languages underneath, and an explanation to the effect that Mr. Lee is translating titles and tables of contents of selected groups of statistical publications of the governments of these countries as well as headings and categories of the statistical tables which they contain.

We enjoyed hearing Mr. Lee give an explanation of his work at one of our staff luncheons. In addition to that brought out on the bulletin board his work includes the translation and abstracting of especially important articles. Miss Day told about her new position in the Division of Cotton Marketing at another of our meetings.

Mr. M. J. Bannerman is spending a few months in our Library on a fellowship from the Great Britain Ministry of Agriculture, and is making a study of the effect of machinery on agriculture, preparatory to making a series of visits to American universities and agricultural colleges.

Mr. R. C. Limber, Director of Economic and Business Research Service of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York was a recent visitor to the Library. He is organizing a research service for the company and is trying to locate all the agricultural statistics being issued in this country especially those which are available by counties. He was interested in the typewritten list recently made by Miss Colvin of State Crop Reports Containing Statistics by Counties.

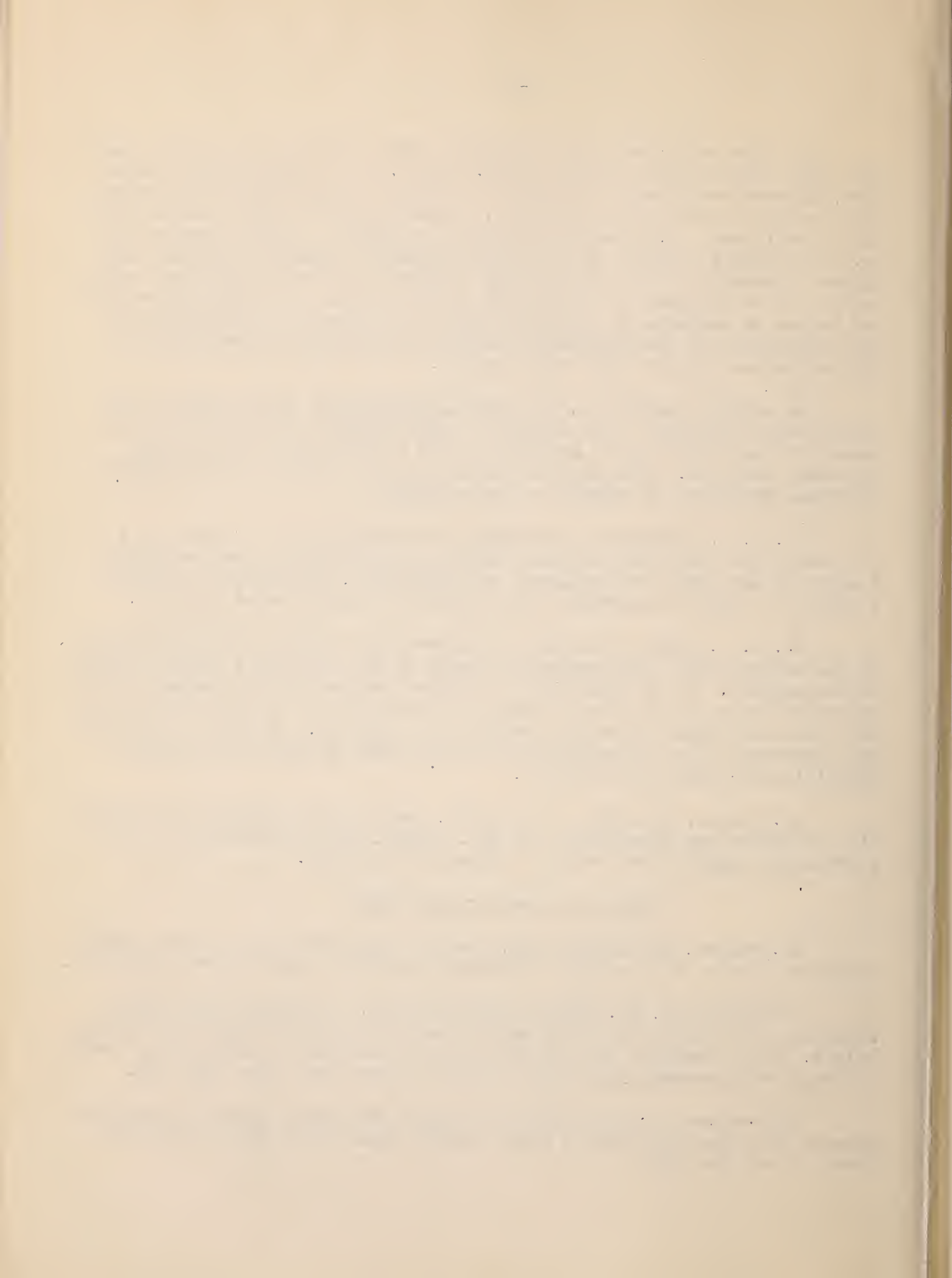
Mr. Beagle, formerly of our staff, has been transferred to the Division of Fruits and Vegetables, and Mrs. McCabe, who was detailed to us in a temporary capacity has become a member of the staff.

Bureau of Chemistry and Soils

Mr. Walter, our Library Aid, who had been with us for several years, resigned October 18 to accept a clerical position in Agricultural Economics.

On October 20, Mr. Martin took his place. He stayed three weeks, resigning on November 9th to go to the Bureau of Standards as a laboratory helper. Since November 11th we have had no messenger or library aid, having to depend on uncertain help from colored men for a few hours each day.

On November 11th Miss Roberta Chapman was kindly loaned to Chemistry Library from the Main Library again for two weeks until the new assistant comes on November 25th.



Office of Experiment Stations

The Office of Experiment Stations has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of its chief, Dr. E. W. Allen. Death came suddenly on Monday evening, November 11, 1929, in Chicago where he had gone to attend the annual meeting of land grant colleges and universities and to deliver a memorial address on Dr. A. C. True. He was too ill to attend the committee meeting on experiment station organization and policy and to present his report. When told that the report had been accepted without change and that his services were highly esteemed by his fellow associates, remarked, "Such appreciation makes life worth living." He appreciated so much the library service of the Department and one of his last requests was that a list of Dr. True's articles be prepared for the annual report of the Office.

Dr. Allen has been associated with the Department of Agriculture since 1890, becoming chief of the Office of Experiment Stations in 1915 and continuing in that office up to the time of his death. He contributed articles on agriculture to several encyclopaedias and was editor of the Experiment Station Record from 1895 to 1924.

The galley proof for the 4th supplement to the List of Station Bulletins has been read. It will be published in the miscellaneous publication series.

A twenty-four page bibliography on Home Management has been prepared by Mrs. Edith Webb at the request of Miss Rokahr, extension specialist in home management. This bibliography will be issued as an extension service circular and will be distributed to all home demonstration leaders and agents.

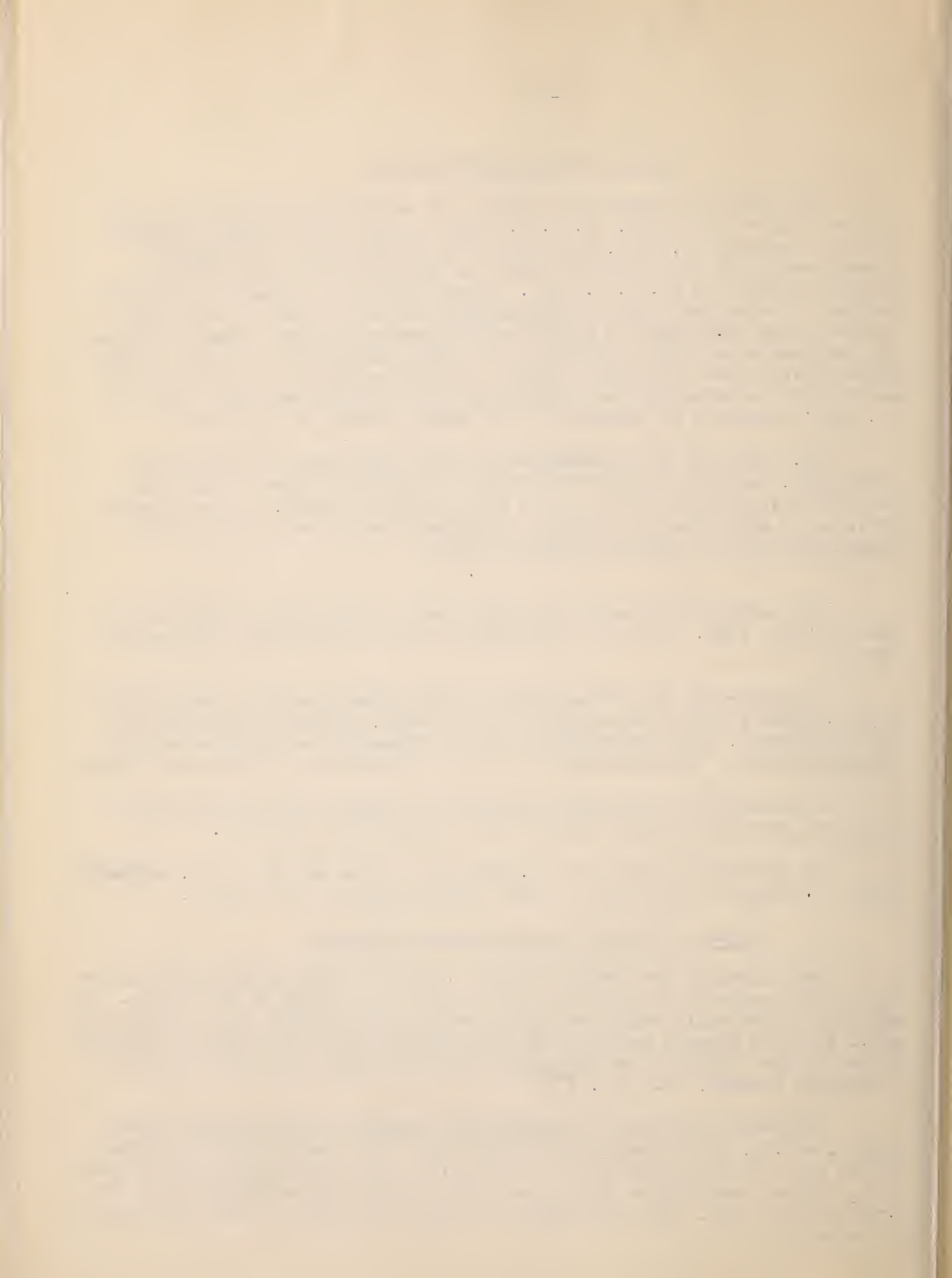
A check list of scientific articles by station workers appearing in technical journals has been prepared for the calendar year 1928.

Our library is the proud possessor of a brand new 10 x 6 ft. cupboard which is designed to take care of the surplus material for binding.

Office of Horticultural Crops and Diseases

This library, now located in Room 3 of the Bieber Building has resumed the routine somewhat interrupted by two current-year changes of location. In addition to the daily reference work, care of horticultural files, trade lists, etc., it is at present assisting in the preparation of the report of the committee on new fruits, to be presented at the American Pomological Society's meeting at Roanoke, Va., Dec. 3-5.

Of special interest to horticultural workers is the recently issued Part 1, vol. 1, of the Vegetables of New York. This work is being prepared by the New York Experiment Station at Geneva, under the direction of Professor U. P. Hedrick, and follows the lines of the earlier seven-volume work on the Fruits of New York. The chief value of these books lies in their discussion of varieties.



Miss Manks, librarian of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, was a recent visitor. She was especially interested in the Department's collection of nursery trade catalogues which exceeds in size that of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Bureau of Public Roads

Russia is somewhat of a momentous question just now with its experimental government which it is attempting to put upon a working basis. One field which they are investigating is that of farm machinery. Several times during the past few months the Division of Agricultural Engineering has been visited by Committees from Russia looking into the question.

It is with much regret that we have to announce the resignation of Miss Forbes who has taken a position in the Smithsonian Library. We shall miss her helpful cooperation.

The mimeographed bibliographies issued by members of the Library staff have been extremely popular. A new edition of the one on toll bridges bringing the previous one up-to-date has just been completed and is ready for distribution.

Miss Evans has been appointed Chairman of the Subcommittee on highway transportation of the Committee on transportation of the Special Libraries Association.

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The Department Library is glad to report two additions to its staff this month and no subtractions.

Miss Muriel Wright, who has been in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics Library, has been transferred to us and is working in the Periodical Division.

Miss Leda Wadsworth has recently been appointed as assistant in the Catalogue Division. Miss Wadsworth is from the Carnegie Free Library, Ogden, Utah.

A visitor to the Library this month, among many others, was Dr. Emmerich Vörös of Hungary, who is a "Jeremiah Smith" fellow. Dr. Vörös' specialty is agricultural machinery.

Bureau of Agricultural Economics

There have been several changes among the personnel of the staff recently. Miss Muriel F. Wright, who formerly assisted Miss Jacobs with the cataloguing, was transferred on December 16th to the Periodical Division of the Department Library where she will have charge of the Current Entry Desk.

Miss Margaret Harrison of the Periodical Division, has been promoted to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Wright's resignation, while the appointment of Mr. Spahn, who was formerly employed in the Library of Columbia University, has been requested to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Harrison's promotion.

Among recent visitors to the Library were Dr. Joseph S. Davis, a former director of the Food Research Institute at Leland Stanford Junior University, who has recently arrived in Washington to take up his duties as Chief Economist of the Federal Farm Board, and Mr. Niels I. Nielson who will have charge of the office at Marseilles, France, which the Bureau will soon open. Mr. Nielson has served the Division of crop and livestock estimates since May, 1922, under a cooperative agreement between the Bureau and the State of California, as a crop and livestock estimator.

Bureau of Chemistry

On November 25th Miss Vivian Robb came from Aurora, Ill., to the Library of Chemistry and Soils to take charge of the loan desk, the place having been vacant since Mrs. Gill resigned March 1st. She is a graduate of George Washington University and the Wisconsin Library School.

Bureau of Entomology Library

The library of the Bureau of Entomology has just acquired some very much needed new shelving which has been placed above the metal wall cases in Room 2. This shelving was made by the Department carpenters and matches the metal shelving almost exactly.

Dr. Walter V. Balduf, Assistant Professor of Entomology at the University of Illinois, Urbana, is spending the winter in Washington gathering information on entomophagous insects. He spent the fall at the U. S. National Museum. For the past month he has been looking up references in the library of the bureau.

We were much relieved yesterday morning to receive a phone call from New York from Miss Carabelli, who had been rescued from the ill fated Fort Victoria which sank in the fog in New York Harbor Wednesday night. Miss Carabelli and a friend were on their way to Bermuda for the holidays. She stated that they were safe but that they had lost all their personal effects. She did not know then whether or not they would continue the trip.

